

THE SCROLL

“Make disciples of all nations...”

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There is a book, other than the Bible, that often sits near my desk. It is entitled, “Spurgeon's Practical Wisdom.” It is a collection of articles he wrote on a variety of subjects submitted to his monthly magazine *The Sword and the Trowel*. One article is entitled, “If the cap fits, wear it.” It begins:

Friendly Readers,

Last time I made a book I trod on some people's corns and bunions, and they wrote me angry letters, asking, ‘Did you mean me?’ This time, to save them the expense of a halfpenny card, I will begin my book by saying--

Whether I please or whether I tease,

I'll give you my honest mind.

If the cap should fit, pray wear it a bit,

If not, you can leave it behind.

No offense is meant; but if anything in these pages should come home to a man, let him not send it next door, but get a coop for his own chickens. What is the use of reading or hearing for other people? We do not eat and drink for them: why should we lend them our ears and not our mouths? Please then, good friend, if you find a hoe on these premises, weed your own garden with it.

These words carry such a deep wisdom that we all need to hear. We all may be quick to hear something and think the speaker is trying to call us out, even if we are sitting in a filled room. If the cap fits (or today we say, if the shoe fits) wear it. Take time to consider the words and not merely take offense. We should be quick to listen and slow to speak. We should be willing to take correction whether it is directly aimed at us, or if it is spoken as a general truth for all to hear. If the words do not apply to us, we should leave them behind and move on with our day.

If someone is speaking, give them the benefit of the doubt that they are not trying to speak ill of you or attack you. 1 Corinthians 13 tells us that “love believes all things.” That does not mean we should be naïve; it means that when we love someone, we believe that they are not attempting to harm us. Words spoken in love may sting our pride, but those words must be received as medicine for our soul.

If you are at odds with someone over something they have said, check your heart on how you received those words, and seek to be reconciled with one another. If the cap fits, wear it. If it does not, set it down and walk away.

God is good.

Steve

The Importance of Scripture Memory in the Christian Life

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By Timothy K. Beougher • August 30, 2024

Don Whitney argues that “Many Christians look on the Spiritual Discipline of memorizing God’s Word as something tantamount to modern-day martyrdom.” (*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, 41). We live in an undisciplined age, and many people shy away from anything involving discipline. I would like to explain why Scripture Memory is vital for our [Christian life and growth](#) and give some practical guidelines for memorizing verses.

Why Memorize Scripture?

There are a multitude of reasons why we should hide God’s Word in our mind and heart. Hiding God’s Word in our heart is commanded (Colossians 3:16). Scripture Memory helps keep us from sin (Psalm 119:9-11). It transforms our entire way of thinking (Romans 12:1-2). Scripture Memory helps us respond to difficulties in an appropriate manner (James 1:2-4). God uses Scripture to guide us (Psalm 119:105). Memorization helps fuel meditation on God’s Word (Joshua 1:8). Scripture fills us with hope (Romans 15:4). Our Lord Jesus Christ serves as a great example for us in Scripture Memory. We see in the temptation account found in Matthew 4:1-11 that Jesus quoted the following verses from memory: Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16; and 6:13. In my personal evangelism classes, I require the students to memorize forty key verses related to the gospel message. Why? Knowing those verses not only help fuel our desire to witness, they provide the ability to share the gospel with others anytime, anywhere. A student who took my class over two decades ago flew to the West Coast shortly after graduation. He was seated next to a businessman, and they began to talk. When the businessman found out Steve was a pastor, he exclaimed, “I have just started reading the Bible and I have lots of questions. How cool is it that I end up sitting next to you!” Steve thought to himself, “Yes, that’s cool, but unfortunately my Bible is in my suitcase in the cargo hold of the plane.” But then Steve remembered the verses he had memorized for class. He told me later, “I couldn’t remember one of the verses, but I was able to use the other thirty-nine to share the gospel clearly with this man.”

How to Memorize Scripture

The starting point is to have a plan. Develop a list of verses to memorize. The Navigators’ “Topical Memory System” is a great starting point. You can add in other verses from your own Bible reading, or as you hear helpful verses preached or taught. Linked to this article is the list of forty verses I recommend to memorize for evangelism. Have a plan or else you will demonstrate the truth of the adage, “He who fails to plan, plans to fail.”

You can write out the verses on small cards that fit into Scripture Memory packs or on index cards you can carry in your pocket. There are several helpful apps that will populate verse cards for you and make it easy for you to memorize and review from your cell phone, tablet, or laptop. I like “Bible Memory App” but a Google search will lead you to several options.

Memorize by working on one phrase at a time. As you memorize, practice saying the scriptural reference “before and after” the actual verse (i.e. “Romans 3:23. *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Romans 3:23”). When you memorize the reference along with the verse it helps in remembering it and sharing it with others.

Some good times to memorize and review are while riding, waiting, brushing your teeth, and exercising. My wife Sharon memorizes entire chapters and even books of the Bible while walking on the treadmill (I just focus on surviving). How often each day do we check our cell phones for emails, text messages, or social media posts? What if we got in the habit of a few times a day checking our phone to memorize/review verses? Once you have a verse memorized, review it regularly. Most Bible memory apps have a review feature built in so as you are learning new verses you can review ones you have already memorized. Recite each new verse several times daily. Review each recently memorized verse every day for 6-8 weeks. That firmly plants the verse in your mind. Then go over all your verses at least once a month and you will keep them fresh for ready recall. As you memorize and meditate, seek to apply the verse's teaching to your own life (Ezra 7:10) and then share it with others!

NATIONS & NEIGHBORHOODS (Somewhere to pray about everyday.)

(Typical weeks have four contiguous nations in gold, one U.S. state in green, & two Evansville neighborhoods in purple.)

Feb. 02 - 08 – **Saint Kitts & Nevis, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Saint Lucia, Oregon, Marina Pointe and Bee Slough**

Feb. 09 - 15 – **Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Washington State, Eagle Slough, the Green River Bottoms, and Angel Mounds**


Feb. 16 - 22 – **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Virginia, Culver and Goosetown**

Feb. 23 - March 01 - **Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico, Arizona, Tepe Park and Akin Park**

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sundays: Sunday School at 9:30, Morning Worship at 10:45, Evening Study 6:00 pm. Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 pm, and Choir Practice at 7 pm						Birthday * Anniversary **
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2 Women on Mission 5 PM	3	4	5 Gail Davis * Ted Bennett *	6 Volleyball @ 1st Southern 6:45 PM	7 Shirley Garrett * Linda Gibson * Danny Points *	8
9 Chili Cook-Off noon No evening service	10 Mark Smith *	11	12	13 Britt Hamby * Volleyball @ 1st Southern 7:30 PM	14 	15 NEP Talent Show 6:30 PM
16 Sheila Sweatt * Church Council 7 PM	17 	18 Newsletter items due noon	19	20 Volleyball @ 1st Southern 6:00 PM	21	22 Men's Breakfast @ Golden Corral 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast @ Roca Bar 9 AM
23 Trustees Mtg 5 PM	24 Deacons Mtg. 6 PM	25	26	27 Volleyball @ Gateway 6:45 PM	28 Game Night 6:30 PM	

How would you feel if your family returned home from the park one evening, and you found that a colony of 100 tarantulas had decided to invade your home? The life of a missionary kid involves many new experiences. Come learn about the “firsts” one MK shared with her missionary parents as she pursued God’s call on her life. Also, we will be making Valentine tray favors for North Park Nursing Center. We are a nice bunch of ladies whose heartbeat is supporting our missionaries. Join us **February 2** at 5 pm. We promise there will be no spiders to contend with!

February 9 at noon, we will have our annual chili cook-off. This year there will be a few changes. Everyone will get to vote for their favorites. Categories will include spiciest, mildest, best non-chili soup, crowd pleaser, and for the first time ever, best dessert. So, time to get out your recipes and get cookin'!

Talent Show; **February 15th** at 6:30 in the fellowship hall

Does NEP have talent? Sign up now for a spot to showcase your talent! You can sign up for a solo and/or group skit, song, monologue, etc. at the welcome center and then join us for a fun evening on the 15th. There will be snacks and fun provided!

February 16 is the national Focus on WMU Sunday when we focus on Woman’s Missionary Union and the opportunities we have to invite others to join us on our journey to a closer relationship with and service to our heavenly Father.

Women's breakfast; **February 22nd** at 9am at the Roca Bar.

There will be a sign-up sheet placed at the welcome center so we can get an approximate number for a reservation, so please sign up! Come join us for some wonderful fellowship.

SPOILER ALERT: Coming soon to 1215 N. Boeke Road (NE Park Baptist Church) is a once-a-year chance to sample multiple delicious pies while attending the North American Mission Study. The date is **March 2** at 6 pm. Remember \$1/pie piece is a great bargain and will officially kick off the 2025 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Welcome New Members!

Delores Leek

Tom Putnam

We express our

Christian Sympathy

to the family of Bro. Dale Maddux